

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 12 and 14 are amended, and claim 17 is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 6-10 and 12 contain patentable subject matter. Claims 6 and 12 have been amended to be in independent form.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,170,195 to Akiyama et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Akiyama does not disclose a mounting case including a plate disposed to face the first surface of the electro-optical device and a cover disposed to face the second surface of the electro-optical device such that the electro-optical device is at least partially between the plate and the cover, as in amended independent claims 1 and 14. Instead, in Akiyama, the liquid crystal panel 40 is located to the exterior of the case. See, e.g., Fig. 12.

With respect to claim 3, Akiyama does not disclose fins protruding outward from the surface of the cover. Instead, in Akiyama, the cooling device 10 has fins 13 which extend inward. See, e.g., Fig. 13. Furthermore, Akiyama does not disclose the fins being formed to correspond to the direction of flow of cooling which is supplied from the outside of the mounting case as in claim 4. In Akiyama the fins have no contact with air flowing through the inlets 57. See, e.g., Fig. 13.

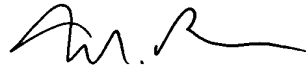
The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 11-16 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1, 3, 18-21 and 27-29 of Application No. 10/722,442. Applicants enclose a Terminal Disclaimer which obviates this rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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